



“Working Together To Imagine, Believe, and Achieve”

2008 Indiana GAL/CASA Award Nomination

This nomination form **MUST be accompanied by a narrative explanation** regarding why you feel the nominee deserves one of the three following awards:

- **2008 GAL/CASA Volunteer of the Year**
- **2008 GAL/CASA Board Member of the Year**
- **2008 GAL/CASA Program Director of the Year**

You may also submit letters of support along with your nomination form and narrative. Total pages submitted for consideration should not exceed seven pages. Please refer to the criteria on the opposite side of this form when writing your narrative. All nominees will be named in the 12th Annual GAL/CASA State Conference Program, and the winners will be presented at the awards luncheon during the conference on 11/22/2008.

This nomination is for the Indiana GAL/CASA 2008 _____ (Volunteer, Board Member or Program Director) of the Year Award.

Nominee _____
Position _____
Address _____
City _____, Indiana Zip Code _____
Email _____ Phone _____
GAL/CASA Program Name _____
Nominee's Years of Service to the Program _____
Year Retired (if Applicable) _____
Additional Comments _____

Nominated By _____
Position/Program _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Return Nomination Form and Narrative By 10/31/2008 To:

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ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 31, 2008

2008 Award Criteria

Advocate Of The Year

- ❑ Volunteer has exemplified a high level of ethics and respect for their role as a GAL/CASA
- ❑ Volunteer has demonstrated exceptional diligence, thoroughness, and persistence in conducting research, in making the system respond to the needs of the child, and in representing the child's interests to the court
- ❑ Volunteer has promoted and supported GAL/CASA within the community
- ❑ Include letter of support from the volunteer's program director if the nominator is not the program director

Board Member Of The Year

- ❑ Board member has demonstrated leadership and innovation in promoting GAL/CASA within the community
- ❑ Board member has supported and encourages GAL/CASA volunteers and staff in their work on behalf of abused and neglected children
- ❑ Board member has taken significant action in establishing or expanding a GAL/CASA program
- ❑ Include letter of support from the board member's program director if the nominator is not the program director

Elaine S. Fuller Memorial Award of Excellence for the **GAL/CASA Program Director Of The Year**

- ❑ Director has demonstrated leadership and innovation in promoting GAL/CASA both within their community and across the State of Indiana
- ❑ Director has successfully garnered judicial support in their community for the local GAL/CASA program
- ❑ Director has acted as a mentor to the Indiana GAL/CASA network and its directors
- ❑ Director has exhibited creativity in their approach to promoting GAL/CASA
- ❑ Director is well respected across the Indiana GAL/CASA network
- ❑ If possible, include a letter of support from the judge(s) in the director's county